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# State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Benton County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Monica Diane Moore** (CO60141766), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

#### **Clark County**

In May of 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems programs entered into an agreed order with paramedic **Bradley C. Allen** (ES00127896) under which his credential is suspended for at least 66 months. While working for the Camas Fire Department as a captain responsible for its narcotic supplies, Allen took morphine and Fentanyl from the department and its ambulance. He injected himself with the controlled substances. Allen also filled empty Fentanyl vials with water and returned them to the ambulance.

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## **Grant County**

In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of physician **Gaston Cornu-Labat** (MD00040392), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least 42 months the credential of licensed practical nurse **Ember Long-Anderson** (LP60042174). Long-Anderson was convicted in Grant County Superior Court of second-degree possession of stolen property-access device, a class C felony.

# **King County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against registered nurse **Melissa Madrid** (RN00164694).

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the credential of registered nurse **Janice M. Omohundro** (RN00145687), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the chemical dependency professional license of **Lee H. Young** (CP00001474). Young touched a client inappropriately, asked clients to go out with him to restaurants, hugged one client and attempted to hug another, and asked a client about dating her friends.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against marriage and family therapist **Robert Horwith** (LF00001152).

In May of 2011 the Midwifery Program entered into an agreed order with midwife **Amanda S. Feldmann** (MW00000259) under which her credential is indefinitely suspended. Feldmann failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health issued a cease and desist order to **Liming Long**, doing business as **Herbal Foot Massage**, and issued a \$1,000 fine. Long was directed not to engage in or advertise the practice of massage without obtaining a license.

# **Okanogan County**

In April of 2011 the Radiologic Technologist and Health Care Assistant programs entered into an agreed order with radiologic technologist and health care assistant **Desiree S. Cantlon** (RT00002993, HC00132655) under which her credentials are indefinitely suspended. Cantilon failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

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# **Pierce County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the credential of registered nurse **Karen R. Courtney** (RN00168282), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In April of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program revoked the nursing assistant credential of **Michelle D. Walker**, also known as **Michelle Carter** (NC10052818). Walker cannot reapply for at least 10 years. On her application, Walker falsely answered a question about whether she'd ever been convicted of a drug offense. Walker also took, forged and cashed checks from three patients, and used a patient's credit card without permission. A corrected order was issued because of a case of mistaken identity.

In April of 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Andre W. Gilmore** to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of medicine and podiatry, and fined him \$3,000. A charge of unlicensed practice of orthotics was dismissed.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against emergency medical technician **Joseph C. Mondau** (ES00126265).

In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission resolved charges against physician **Kimberly M. Chan** (MD00046109) with a stipulation to informal disposition.

# **Snohomish County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Gretchen G. Dyer** (LP00039370), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In April of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Alayna M. Charvet** (NA60110174), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended the counselor agency affiliate credential of **James Phillip Yorlang** (CG60151487). Yorlang spent time with clients outside work hours, purchased items for clients, and purchased beer and wine for a client with a history of chemical dependency and abuse. He also introduced a friend to a client, and had a friend accompany him while he performed job duties.

### **Spokane County**

In April of 2011 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Crystal S. Trampus** (MA60142145), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

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## **Thurston County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the massage practitioner credential of **Jeff J. Leitch** (MA00021368). Leitch had a romantic relationship with one patient, touched a second patient inappropriately, and both touched a third patient inappropriately and made improper comments to her. He was convicted in Thurston County Superior Court of stalking/domestic violence, a gross misdemeanor.

# **Whatcom County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Crystal A. Westcott** (RN00176940) after her license to practice in Texas was restricted.

### **Out of State**

**Florida**: In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Jennifer Marie Chesky** (RN60053445) under which her credential is indefinitely suspended. Chesky entered into a settlement agreement in Florida under which her credential to practice in that state is suspended.

**Oregon**: In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Deborah L. Doering** (RN00169760) after the Maryland Board of Nursing revoked her credential to practice in that state.

**South Carolina**: In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Cindy Spradling** (RN00167615) under which her credential is suspended for at least three years. Spradling withdrew oxycodone tablets for three patients at a Sequim health and rehabilitation facility where she worked. She either failed to give the medication to the patients, failed to document that it was given, failed to document wastage, or diverted it.

**Texas**: In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Patrick Besant-Matthews** (MD00010150), who failed to document that he'd completed continuing medical education as required.

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